BANDSTAND
UNITED STATES SOLDIERS HOME
DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA

This bandstand, one of two such structures at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, was constructed to serve recreational and formal purposes. The locations of the two bandstands, one on the older central grounds and one adjacent to the hospital, are suggestive of the central importance of these two areas to recreational and formal activities such as funerals, parades, dignitary visits, and public performances at the turn of the twentieth century.

Classical Revival in design, the bandstand features 10 Doric columns set on paneled plinths and a monumental base created by turned balusters.

The raised structure is covered by a flat roof of standing-seam metal with an ornate ogee-molded cornice and centrally placed finial.

According to a map from 1903, this bandstand was originally located directly south of the Lincoln Cottage where the Scout Building is now located. The bandstand was moved sometime between 1903 and 1910 to its current location northwest of the Lincoln Cottage.